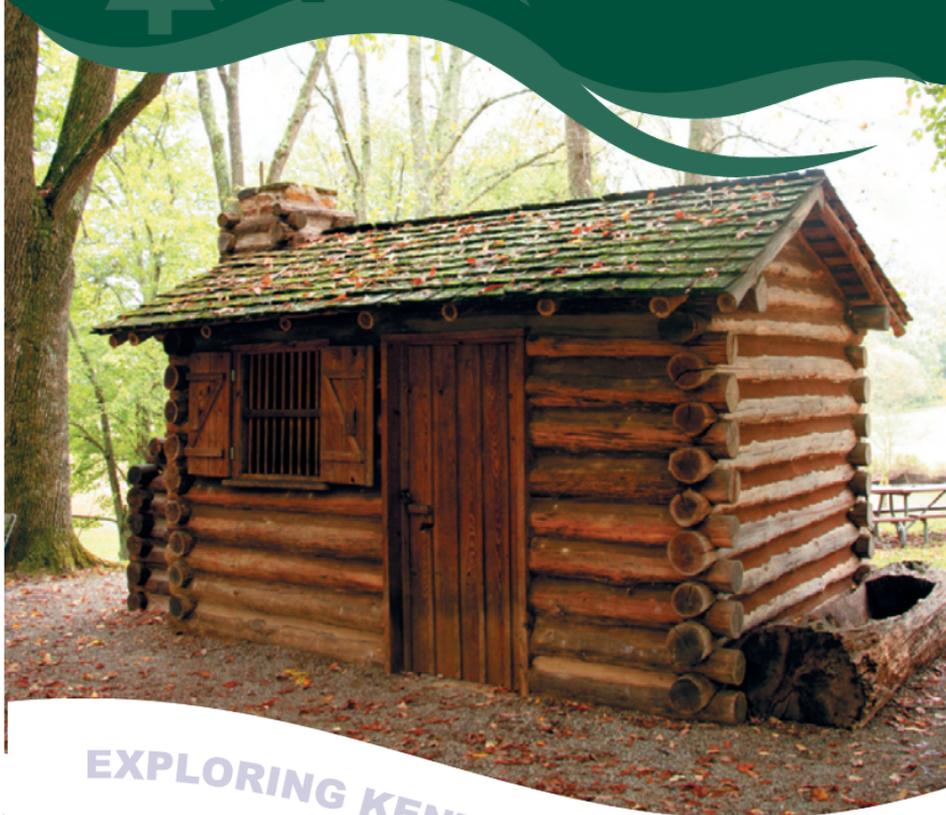


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Although Daniel Boone is often remembered as Kentucky's most famous pioneer, Dr. Thomas Walker was actually the first frontiersman in Kentucky, preceding Boone by 17 years. A physician and surveyor, Walker led the first expedition through Cumberland Gap in 1750. Near the river, which he named the Cumberland, Dr. Walker built the first cabin in Kentucky, a replica of which stands on the site today. Dr. Walker's journal, recorded during his four-month exploration, described plentiful wildlife, thickly tangled woods and rugged terrain. That same rugged beauty discovered years before the era of Daniel Boone still sits in wait for your discovery today.

**Recreation:** Miniature golf 9-hole course – seasonal, basketball court – open year-round.

**Picnicking & Playground:** Two picnic shelters and one large tent on the site's 12 acres with playground close-by. Open year-round. One shelter contains restroom facilities. Shelters can be reserved by rental up to a year in advance.

**Gift Shop:** Features Kentucky souvenirs. Open March-mid-November.

**Concession Stand:** Snacks and drinks. Open March through mid-November.

**Tours:** The house and surrounding grounds can be toured free of charge. Open year-round.

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